been able to hybridize quite a bit. I have gotten several pods and now have 109 seeds planted. I have 43 seedlings up. Some now already in quart cans and about 3" high. Others come up every weekend some have only recently been planted. I still have several pods on plants such as Dr. L. Phillips, Golden Belle, Asato 140, Koanne and Kaoaoka. I even have one on Molly Cummings and I was amazed for I used this plant with no results until this pod stuck. Surfrider and Morley Theaker and Jean Kaplan as well as Ann Miller have been good females.

Most of the blooms have been outstanding, but I think Asato 82 is the one I really fell for. Are you familiar with that? The coloring is not too different from Dr. Gillette but the bloom is more striking to me. I remember you showed me a bloom of Brenda Miller. My plant didn't look good for a while and is one of the few that hasn't bloomed, but it has recovered very well now.

Rootstock is just nonexistant here due to the

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"Why don't you drown your sorrow?"

"That would be against the law - - and besides, she's stronger than I am.

freeze and I am having difficulty getting cuttings to start rootstock. I had about 45 Indian Chiefs I carried through the winter and got 11 varieties from Lew Young in late February. I have gotten at least one graft of each variety to take except one, Barbara Thurston, and it may come out yet. Some of the varieties Lew sent me were Margaret Okono, Martha Fleming, Mary Fleming, Temper Storm, Henry Schurman and a few others. Bob Bowman plans to send me some wood this weekend and that will use up all my rootstock. I do have about 50 young plants that should be ready to graft in July. I sent Bob wood of Comet, Kuulei Akina, Pali King and a few others. One other casualty I had this winter was Veronica and I am afraid that it will be hard to replace. I cannot obtain it locally and Bob and Jimmie Lynch lost theirs. Bob's was such a huge plant.

In order to be protected from freezes and other difficulties, I am trying to get at least two of each variety started. Not long ago I had a beautiful bloom

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No wonder the quality of shoes is on the down grade - all the good leather is going into steaks.

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You can say anything you want to in Russia - - once!